



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

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METHOD FOR MONITORING

QUALITY OF PAPER WEB

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 10-13, and amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. A method for monitoring and controlling quality of a paper web as the paper web is being manufactured, comprising:

conveying the paper web through a paper machine where the paper web is formed as part of a manufacturing process and treating the paper web by subjecting the paper web to a treatment process;

imaging the paper web with a thermal camera on a continual basis;

analyzing images from the thermal camera in real time as the images are captured by the thermal camera on a continual basis in order to detect defects in the paper web based on the images; and

adjusting at least one of the manufacturing process and the treatment process for the paper web based on the detected defects determined from the images in real time.

